



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

Mamie Whitesides Elementary
Charleston
Grades: PK-5 **Enrollment: 590**
Principal: Lona Pounder
Superintendent: Dr. Nancy J. McGinley
Board Chair: Mrs. Toya Hampton Green

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2009	Excellent	Excellent	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2008	Excellent	Below Average	N/A	Silver	Met	N/A
2007	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Met	N/A

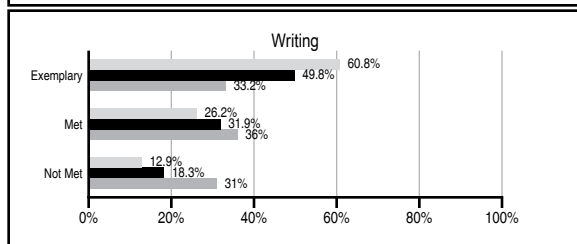
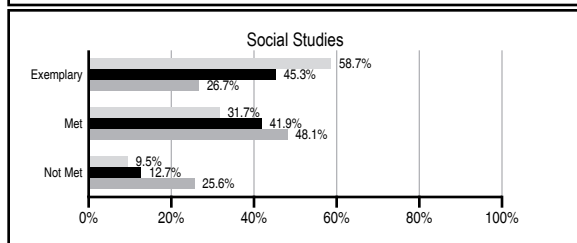
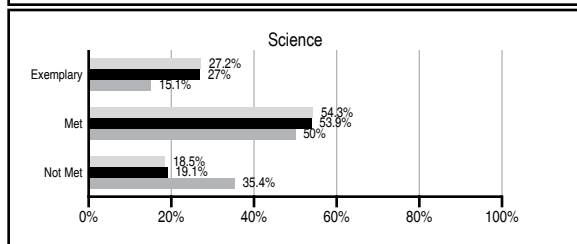
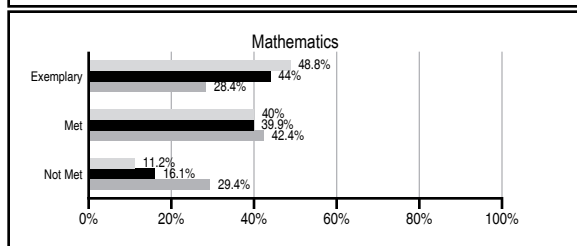
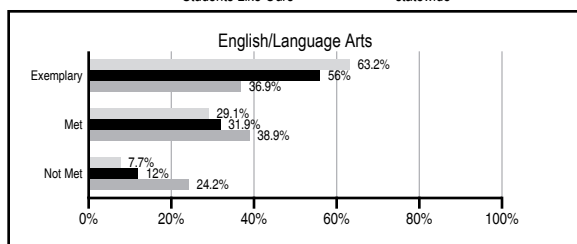
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
25	4	4	0	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 06/01/2010. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 4 (2007)

South Carolina	41	33	20	5
Nation	34	34	24	7
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

MATH – GRADE 4 (2007)

South Carolina	20	44	31	5
Nation	19	43	33	5
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

SCIENCE – GRADE 4 (2005)

South Carolina	36	39	23	2
Nation	34	39	25	2
% Below Basic % Basic, Proficient, and Advanced				
Below Basic Basic Proficient Advanced				

SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

N/A Not Applicable N/AV Not Available N/C Not Collected N/R Not Reported I/S Insufficient Sample TBD To be determined

NI Newly Identified CSI Continuing School Improvement CA Corrective Action RP Plan to Restructure R Restructure DELAY School Improvement Status HOLD School Improvement Status

Mamie Whitesides Elementary [Charleston]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=590)				
Retention rate	1.1%	Down from 2.5%	1.1%	1.9%
Attendance rate	96.0%	Down from 96.7%	96.6%	96.3%
Eligible for gifted and talented	28.0%	Down from 36.1%	22.5%	10.0%
With disabilities other than speech	5.4%	Up from 4.5%	5.6%	7.7%
Older than usual for grade	0.6%	No Change	0.4%	0.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=38)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	73.7%	Up from 65.9%	63.2%	59.4%
Continuing contract teachers	94.7%	Up from 92.7%	81.6%	80.0%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.6%	Up from 86.6%	87.6%	85.9%
Teacher attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 95.2%	95.4%	95.1%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,035	Up 4.5%	\$48,760	\$47,149
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	11.8 days	Down from 14.7 days	11.3 days	11.1 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	3.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.0 to 1	Up from 19.9 to 1	19.9 to 1	18.8 to 1
Prime instructional time	91.3%	Up from 90.8%	91.3%	90.4%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	No	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,586	Up 3.6%	\$6,633	\$7,458
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	74.5%	Down from 75.8%	71.7%	68.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	72.0%	Up from 58.6%	67.0%	63.2%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	38	94	92
Percent satisfied with learning environment	100.0%	89.1%	87.9%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0%	79.6%	88.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	97.4%	93.6%	95.6%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Mamie P. Whitesides Elementary has been providing a quality education to Mt. Pleasant residents since 1956. Through the collaborative efforts of a highly qualified professional staff, devoted parents, and a supportive community, Whitesides' students are well prepared for middle school. Students in grades 2-5 participate in the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) and assessment to determine growth, identify goals for student achievement and guide instructional priorities. Students receive reading and math instruction based on MAP results during scheduled periods. Our Gifted and Talented Program along with Renaissance programs in reading and math provide opportunities for student acceleration. Additional tutors work with students in grades 3-5 from February through May in the areas of science and social studies, our target areas for improvement.

DIBELS assessments are conducted in grades K-1 three times annually to monitor student progress and fluency in literacy and to guide instructional decisions and groupings. Interventionists work with identified students in need of assistance.

Volunteers are present on a daily basis and make significant contributions to the support of classrooms and school operation. Our PTA coordinates many functions throughout the year to engage families and extend bonds within our community including game night, No TV week, book character day, the angel tree, Christmas Parade float, and participates in wrapping paper and savings card drives. A variety show and spring fling highlight a broad range of student talent. Chorus is offered in fourth and fifth grades as well as strings in grade five. Our choral program hosts concerts twice yearly in conjunction with extensive standards based grade level productions. Each year fifth graders are selected by audition to participate in the select SC Elementary Honor Choir. Local opportunities for student recognition are numerous. Our students have responsibility for our school newspaper, and Whitesides' students have earned recognition throughout the year for their involvement in local, regional, and state events.

For seven years, Whitesides has earned an Excellent or Good absolute rating on the state report card. We have also met Adequate Yearly Progress goals for the last four years, and four times have been recognized for Closing the Achievement Gap. For twelve consecutive years, Whitesides has been applauded for our involvement in the Community of Readers.

Our instructional programs are designed to support Charleston Achieving Excellence and victory in the classroom. We offer rigor and relevance through instruction that is delivered by a truly devoted professional staff. We have seven National Board Certified teachers as well as a National Board Certified nurse.

Marjorie Clark/ Carla Campbell, SIC Chair
Lona Pounder, Principal